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said return line at a given path location by the flux of said flux region inducing a loop output voltage indicative of a measurement length position of said body on said fixed housing, the return line having a width in areas permeated by large amounts of flux that is proportional to an expected output value associated with a desired position value, thereby producing an analog output signal.

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~~3-13~~ An inductive sensor, comprising:

a fixed housing;

a body moveable on said fixed housing, said body having an inductive transmission element operative for generating an alternating magnetic field flux during movement of said body said flux passing over a flux path area of said fixed housing;

at least one conductor loop arranged on the fixed housing so as to extend along a measurement length of said housing, said conductor loop including a feed line extending along the measurement length and a return line, said return line having a path which at regular intervals of said measurement length alternates into and out of said flux path area, a permeation of said return line at a given path location by the flux of said flux region inducing a loop output voltage indicative of a measurement length position of said body on said fixed housing; and

another conductor loop arranged on said fixed housing, said other conductor loop including a second feed line and a second return line, said second return line having a path which at regular intervals of said measurement length which are offset from the intervals of said one conductor loop alternates into and out of said flux path area, said other loop inducing a loop output voltage additive to the output voltage of said one conductor loop for indicating a measurement length position of said body on said fixed housing.

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An inductive sensor, comprising:

a fixed housing;

a body moveable on said fixed housing, said body having an inductive transmission element operative for generating an alternating magnetic field flux during movement of said body said flux passing over a flux path area of said fixed housing;

at least one conductor loop arranged on the fixed housing so as to extend along a measurement length of said housing, said conductor loop including a feed line extending along the measurement length and a return line, said return line having a path which at regular intervals of said measurement length alternates into and out of said flux path area, a permeation of said return line at a given path location by the flux of said flux region inducing a loop output voltage indicative of a measurement length position of said body on said fixed housing; and

another conductor loop arranged on said fixed housing, said other conductor loop including a second feed line and a second return line, said second return line being arranged at a fixed housing side opposite a housing side at which said one conductor loop return line is arranged, said second return line at regular intervals of said measurement length which are offset from the intervals of said one conductor loop alternating into and out of said flux path area, said other loop inducing another loop output voltage, a difference between said other loop output voltage and the voltage induced in said one conductor loop indicating a measurement length position of said body on the housing.

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An inductive sensor, comprising:

a fixed housing;

a body moveable on said fixed housing, said body having an inductive transmission element operative for generating an alternating magnetic field flux during movement of said body said flux passing over a flux path area of said fixed housing; and

at least one conductor loop arranged on the fixed housing so as to extend along a measurement length of said housing, said conductor loop including a feed line extending along the measurement length and a return line, said return line having a path which at regular intervals of said measurement length alternates into and out of said flux path area, a permeation of said return line at a given path location by the flux of said flux region inducing a loop output voltage indicative of a measurement length position of said body on said fixed housing, said return line path alternating into and out of said flux path area at locations spaced one from another at a uniform pitch along said measurement length, said inductive transmission element having a measuring core of high permeability material, said core having an air gap, a width of the air gap in a direction of said measurement length corresponding to said pitch.

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a fixed housing;

a body moveable on said fixed housing, said body having an inductive transmission element operative for generating an alternating magnetic field flux during movement of said body said flux passing over a flux path area of said fixed housing; and

at least one conductor loop arranged on the fixed housing so as to extend along a measurement length of said housing, said conductor loop including a feed line extending along the measurement length and a return line, said return line having a path which at regular intervals of said measurement length alternates into and out of said flux path area, a permeation of

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said return line at a given path location by the flux of said flux region inducing a loop output voltage indicative of a measurement length position of said body on said fixed housing, said return line path alternating into and out of said flux path area at locations paced one from another at a uniform pitch along said measurement length, said inductive transmission element having a measuring core of high permeability material, said core having an air gap, an average of an induction over a width of said conductor along a line perpendicular to a measurement length direction during a movement of the measuring core rising and falling in an approximately linear form over a distance equal to said pitch.

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An inductive sensor;

a fixed housing;

a body moveable on said fixed housing, said body having an inductive transmission element operative for generating an alternating magnetic field flux during movement of said body said flux passing over a flux path area of said fixed housing;

at least one conductor loop arranged on the fixed housing so as to extend along a measurement length of said housing, said conductor loop including a feed line extending along the measurement length and a return line, said return line having a path which at regular intervals of said measurement length alternates into and out of said flux path area, a permeation of said return line at a given path location by the flux of said flux region inducing a loop output voltage indicative of a measurement length position of said body on said fixed housing, said measurement length is circular, said conductor loop being arranged on said housing in a circular course, said transmission element being mounted for rotation about said conductor loop for measuring an angular position of the body on said measurement length; and

another conductor loop arranged on said fixed housing in a circular course, said one and said other conductor loops each extending over an angle of 360 degrees, said other conductor loop including a second feed line and a second return line, said second return line having a path which at regular intervals of said measurement length alternates into and out of said flux path area, said other loop inducing another loop voltage, a ratio of said one conductor loop voltage over said other loop conductor voltage being indicative of a body angular position on said fixed housing.
